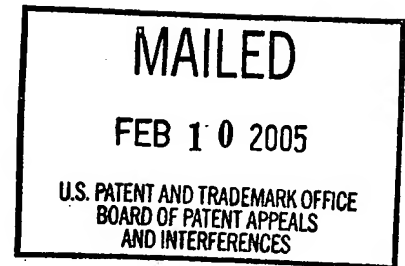


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Application 10/047,941



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on December 9, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

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An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on January 15, 2002. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner has considered the statement submitted nor notified applicant(s) of why the submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR § 1.197 and §1.98.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for: 1) consideration of the IDS, 2) for written notification to the applicants of the consideration, and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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